

# Sparse Inverse Problems with Positivity Constraints in Earth and Space Sciences

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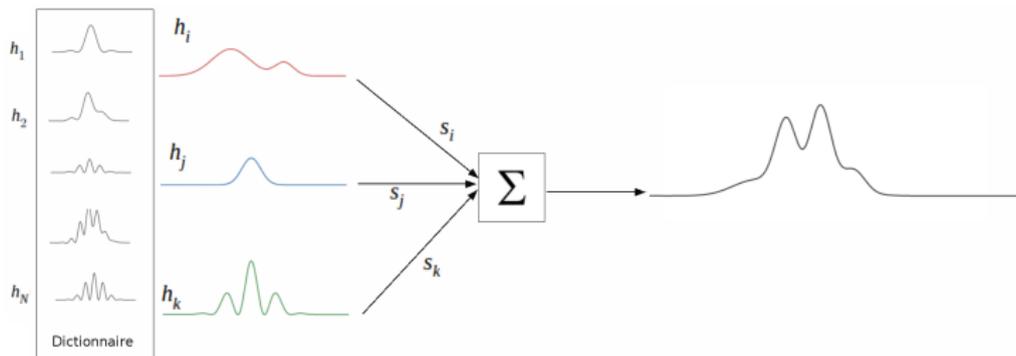
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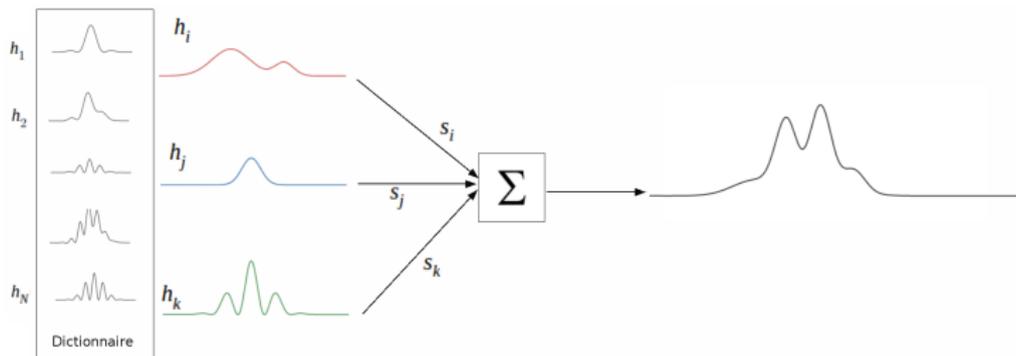


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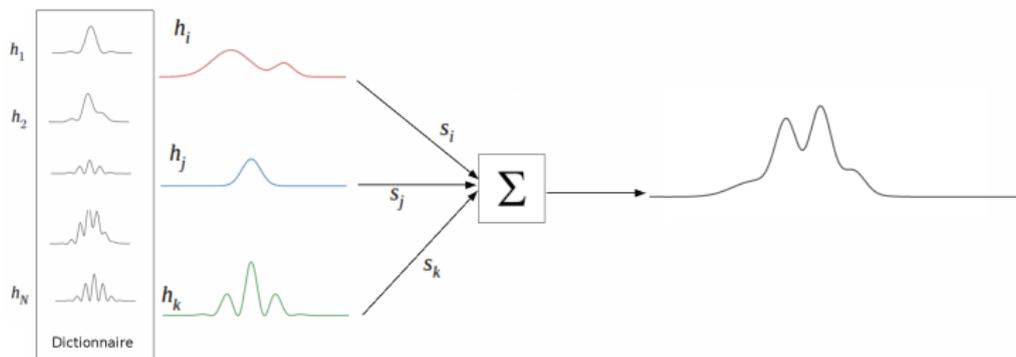
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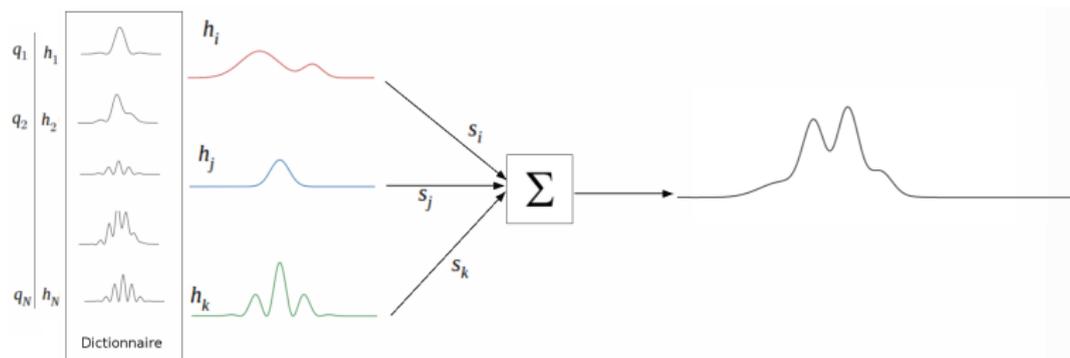
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- Convex relaxation ( $\ell_0 \rightarrow \ell_1$ )
  - Greedy algorithms
  - Bernoulli-Gaussian Model
- }  $\times$  sub optimal  
✓ optimal?

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Bernoulli-Gaussian Model (*Cheng et al [3]*)

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# Posterior Mean Estimator

- Posterior Distribution (Bayes Rule) :

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Posterior} \\ \underbrace{\hspace{10em}} \\ P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}, \lambda | \mathbf{y}) \end{array} \propto \begin{array}{c} \text{Likelihood} \\ \underbrace{\hspace{10em}} \\ \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_\epsilon^2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}\|^2\right) \\ \propto \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}) f(\mathbf{q}, \lambda) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Priors} \\ \underbrace{\hspace{10em}} \\ P(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{q}) P(\mathbf{q} | \lambda) P(\lambda) \end{array}$$

- MCMC Methods - Gibbs Sampler

## Gibbs Sampler

for each iteration n

  for  $k$  from 1 to  $K$

    Sample  $q_k | x_k$  : Bernoulli distribution

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# Boundary Constraints

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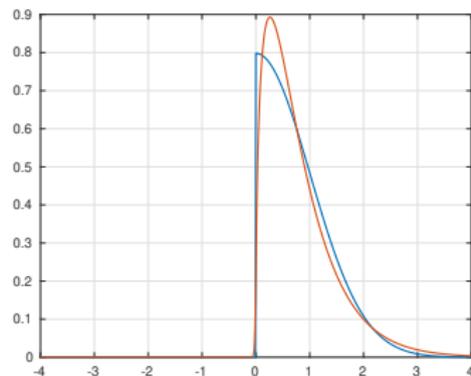
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Issue :

- ✗ Marginalization is not possible !
- ✗ Very slow algorithms

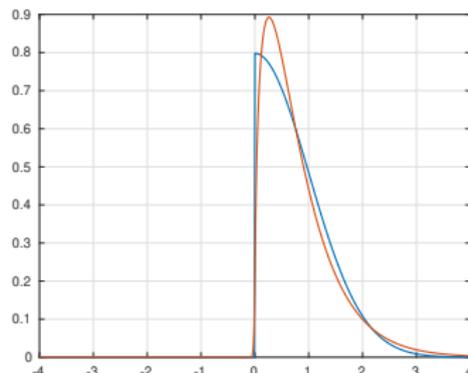
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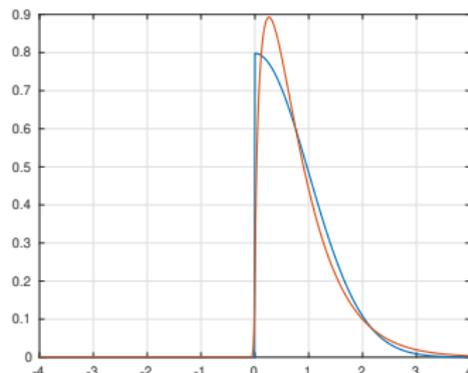


Scale and Location Mixture of Gaussians :

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✓ Possible to marginalize    ★ Fast convergence.



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Any questions ?!